Philad.ª Pine Street N.º 101.
Feb.ʸ 20th 1800

Gentlemen,

A long and painful experience of the inadequateness of my salary to the support of my family, subjects me to the disagreeable necessity of adopting some expedient for the increase of my annual income. That which appears most eligible, because most consistent with my professional character, is, the instruction of youth in some branch of science or polite literature. This severe and slavish undertaking, however, I cannot enter upon without previously obtaining your permission as I consider my whole time and services devoted to you.

I have digested and matured a plan, in conjunction with my friend the Rev.ᵈ Dr Andrews late Vice Provost of the University

to open an Academy upon a pretty extensive scale, and trust I shall obtain your approbation of the measure. Be assured, that every exertion shall be made by me, to prevent my attendance upon the School from interrupting the usual and proper discharge of my Parochial duties. The interference, if any, will, I am confident, be very small; and therefore the urgent motives which have compelled me thus to solicit your indulgence, will, I flatter myself, when fully considered, induce your compliance with my request.

With due respect, I am,

Gent.ⁿ

Yr mo. hble Servt.

Jas. Abercrombie.

The Rector, Church Wardens
and Vestrymen of Christ-
Church and St Peters

Joseph H Fleming
19 april 1800

Philadelphia

To the Vestry of the United Churches
of Christ Church & St. Peters Phila-
delphia

Gentlemen

I have been advised by a friend of mine,
that belongs to our Society; at this time to ap-
ply to you by letter; Soliciting the favour
of being appointed to collect the Pew rents
of the above United Churches, about a Year
since I applied to Gen. Gurnay & I. L. Stocker
Esq.rs to speak to Mr. Cumpson for me, reques-
ting his appointment of me for the above
purpose - but at that time, Mr. Cumpson thought
proper to continue the other person - I hope
at this time, your body will take the matter
into their consideration - & try me for one Year
how I can perform the duty to the Vestry
& Mr. Cumpson in collecting the rents - And
as I belong to your Society & follow the
business of a Collector of Ground Rents

Debts &c. &c. for divers Gentlemen in the City & County of Phila.a such as Twells & Morris Brewers - P. & H. Mierckin - Dr Caldwell - Campbell - Rice Dobson & Ormrod Booksellers &c. whom I refer you to, & whom I have served to their entire satisfaction - If Honesty - industry & address will enable me to perform the duty (if I should be so fortunate as to be appointed) I flatter my self I shall shall be able with the blessing of God to satisfy all parties Concerned -

I remain Gentlemen with all due respect for your body

Your most obedient
Servt to Command
Joseph R. Fleming

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